

7.2.B (59) **Preparing for Passover. Life-giving Lamb.** Mark 14:12-16, 22-25

When the first Twelve Disciples accompanied Jesus Mashiach as he entered Jerusalem to fulfill the Passover Feast by becoming **the Lamb of God** who “takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), they had the *unique honor* of preparing the Passover Feast of Unleavened Bread for him to celebrate

However, you who *shepherd the generations* in these last days are given perhaps a greater honor. Especially if you shepherd the House of Israel. Just as Moses and Aaron were sent to an unbelieving and broken people, you are sent to a people who are not simply enslaved, but worse, are unaware of their enslavement to a dark power greater than Pharaoh, the old Serpent who had first enticed our first parents to *rebel against God to sin*.

Before you can lead your people to God's appointed *Lamb* for redemption, like Moses, you will need to speak to them in their *captivity* and to offer freedom and redemption to those who may be *Self-Satisfied* in a *righteousness* built on Torah-compliance and tradition.

However, you shepherds sent to Israel, the Word of God promises that you will not be a lone voice testifying of Jesus Mashiach to Israel!

- **Witness of Jesus and the Lampstand**: Many in Israel view the Church as an existential threat to Israel in what it mistakenly views as a zero-sum-game of religions. For the Church to be right, Israel must be wrong. And, many misguided spokespeople in the church exacerbated this dichotomy in ignorance, postulating an unbiblical "replacement theology" and seeing the Gentiles as the sole recipients of God's grace and the redemption of Jesus Mashiach. Both the church and Israel have suffered at the hands of false

teachers, but they will receive their just payment from the Lord.

But, on the appointed Day, the Lord Jesus will evacuate his church from this earth as a witness to Israel. As Jesus promises his people, “Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will **keep you from the hour of trial** that is coming on the whole world.” (Revelation 3:10). To save his people out of a *worldwide* tribulation, the Lord Jesus will take his people out of the world, as he promised through the apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. But, the Lord’s powerful rescue and his assurances to his Church also directly testifies to Israel:

⁹ Behold, I will make those of the **synagogue of Satan** who say that they are Jews and are not, but **lie**—behold, I will make them come and **bow down** before

your feet, and they will **learn that I have loved you**. Revelation 3:9

If you are a *generational shepherd* sent to raise up the House of Israel, hear what the Lord says to Israel through the churches:

1. Jesus or Satan: In the spiritual realm, there are only two Kingdoms: the Kingdom of God, which he passes to his Heir, Jesus Mashiach, and the Kingdom of Darkness, which Satan will eventually pass to his ruler, the Antichrist. In the same way that Jesus rebuked *Simon Peter* as “Satan” for loving the world and *letting the flesh* set his focus on the “things of man” and not the “things of God” (Mark 8:33), so Jesus Mashiach warns the Jews: by rejecting Jesus as their Mashiach, they keep themselves out of the Kingdom of God which God passes to his Son, the Mashiach. As great as they were, neither Abraham nor Moses had any

rights to the Kingdom of God, for they were the Lord's servants to raise up and deliver the House of Israel. But, as servants of the house, they had no place or say in God's heavenly and eternal Kingdom. So, if they have no rights to the Kingdom, what claim does Israel have to the heavenly Kingdom of God? And, if Israel has no right to God's Heavenly Realm, then it is still enslaved to Satan's *kingdom of this world*. Even its holy congregations in the *synagogue* are still *fleshly and ensnared in this world, thus still rule at the mercy of Satan*. For, it was Israel's congregations that its people have always rejected Jesus as their Mashiach—from synagogue to Sanhedrin, Israel has made its Mashiach unwelcome. So, shutting itself out of the Kingdom of God, it stays entrenched and enslaved to Satan's power.

This affiliation with Satan undermines their very nature as "Jews." For, a Jew is one related

and loyal to Judah and the House of David, whose heir is the “Seed” God raises up (2 Samuel 7:12) as its Heir and Redeeming Mashiach, the Son of David (12) and the Son of God (14). To reject the Heir of the house is to *ostracize yourself* from the House you claim as your home.

But, to this *wayward house*, Jesus shows them that he ***had*** loved the church. Now, it is of highest importance that you notice the past tense Jesus uses here. By the time Israel hears this word of testimony—as the people of his church are taken from this earth—at that time, the Church will cease to exist.

Importantly, Jesus Mashiach gave his love and life to the people of the Gentile Church because Israel had *rejected him* in 33 CE, even crucifying him and spurning his salvation. So, its people learned a two-thousand- year-lesson. The Jews are only Heirs, they are only Chosen to be the people of the Mashiach, if they are *subject* to

Jesus and God as their *Lord*. If they insist on the path of unbelief—convinced by their own teachers that they are Self-Entitled to act lawlessly—to rewrite God’s Law and make it subservient to their own *Oral Torah*—to claim a Self-Righteousness apart from God’s declaration that only in Mashiach by faith are they declared Righteous as their ancestor Abraham realized when his *faith in God’s promised Seed* was counted to him as “righteousness” (Genesis 15:3). For, only Jesus, God’s Mashiach, is to be to Israel *Yahweh Tzedekenu*—the LORD is (alone) our *righteousness* (Jeremiah 23:6). Though chosen as the Bride, Israel was “like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off” (Isaiah 54:6). But, the *love* Jesus Mashiach showed his *foreign bride*, the Church, was a sufficient rebuke for Israel, even as it was a temporary moment. For, the Church was never meant to be an *eternal structure* but temporary,

but the love Jesus Mashiach has for Israel is eternal.

Consider the prophetic word to Zechariah of the golden lampstand. On the one side, a living and sturdy olive tree. On the other side, a living and sturdy olive tree. But, the lampstand sits between them—movable, temporary, transient, a mere vessel for the *Lord's flame of testimony* that endures exactly for *seven* seasons. The Church's time has come and gone, but Israel remains. So, the Church was the first to welcome Jesus as Mashiach, and his *light* shined through it for exactly seven seasons as a witness to Israel. But, now, the Church as been taken. And, we leave this "testimony" of Jesus Mashiach for you, Israel, that you may learn both the instruction but also our *failings*. Being a *temporary people*, the church was not tested as you have been, so the *flesh* eventually extinguished our light, and we were unable to *bring the Kingdom*. As a Church, we

anticipate the promise's fulfillment that "all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26), so we look to you, Israel, to be used greatly of your Lord Jesus Mashiach to *establish his throne* and finally bring his Kingdom to earth!

- **Witness of Spirit's Unanswered Redemptive Calling of Israel:** *As a generational shepherd,*

your key role is to tell the story of your people. So, those who are called to *shepherd* Israel and its generations, be the voice of correction and truth, that your people might hear and remember the Spirit's voice that first called them to follow.

Remind them of God's *first promise* to all our family, that the family's redeemer would be the "Seed" of Woman to "crush" the Serpent's head. Then, father Noah promised that it would be your line, as the chosen line of Shem, to build a *dwelling place* by which your brothers would remember and return to God as *Elohim*, not Allah or Thor or Vishnu.

Then, remind Israel of the Spirit's promise to Abraham of a "Seed," Mashiach, who would secure your "land" as an inheritance, O Israel, so that in Mashiach's life you would multiply as the "sands" and the "stars" so that "**all nations** of the earth would be blessed through you!" (Genesis 17:18, 22:17-19). God, by his Spirit, has anointed your house alone, Israel, to "bless" all the nations in Mashiach, the Seed of Abraham. So, you are the people through whom God has always promised Redemption.

For, the Lord God spoke by the Spirit through Moses, declaring, "Israel is my Firstborn" (Exodus 4:22). You are God's Firstborn Son of all the nations of the earth. That is why Mashiach is born through Israel, in the House of David. Yes, Jesus Mashiach is the Redeemer of "all the nations of the earth" (Gen. 22:18), but you, O Israel, are God's Firstborn Son among the nations, so the

right and responsibility of Redemption falls to you alone!

This is why God allowed you to be hardened, to be led astray by *fleshly teachers*, and to reject Jesus as your Mashiach and Lord. For, as the Firstborn Son among all the nations, it is your Redemptive Responsibility that the *family is redeemed first*. It is to your glory and the Lord's grace that you have endured, have been tested, and have suffered the *barrenness* of deprivation that you might *serve* all the nations first, for even "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

So, all these years of suffering are meant not for your *shame* but for your *glory*, that you have proven that you are the people of Redemption, the Firstborn among the nations that you have put their interests and salvation before your own comfort.

And, in these “two days” of *being dead to your Mashiach* (Hosea 6:2), you have gone through a season of testing to perfect your faith to be eternally bound to your Mashiach, Jesus. For, Just as Job passed through twelve distinct trials, Israel from your very first father, Abraham, you have been tested that all the *fleshly imperfections* may be revealed and sanctified, for all your days lead up to the Day when you meet Jesus Mashiach face-to-face (Zechariah 12:10) in the same way that God himself revealed himself to restore Job. So, your testing will end when your Lord Mashiach is revealed to you, and you look upon the *face* of your Firstborn, Jesus, and you mourn to be eternally restored to him!

Thus, Israel, you will remember and embrace your eternal call to be God’s Firstborn Son, and the people of all the peoples responsible for the world’s redemption in Jesus Mashiach.

As a member of the church, speaking for our generations, we are eternally grateful for your great sacrifice, O Israel. By your “rejection,” you have *reconciled the world to God* by Jesus Mashiach, so we eagerly await your “inclusion,” which will mean “life from the dead” for the world! (Romans 11:15). For, if you had seized your rights and taken Jesus as your Mashiach immediately, two thousand years of *harvest* would have been lost. So, we are grateful and thank you for what you have endured, being cut off from your rightful Mashiach.

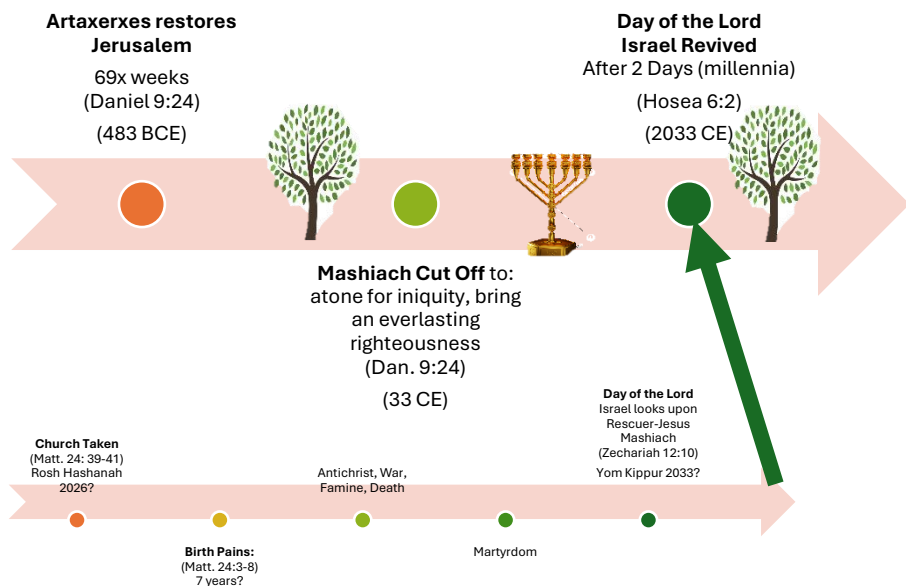
We look forward to the day when the Lord Mashiach’s house is whole, and he makes Jew and Gentile into one new man! Rest assured, your place in the House is secure, for Israel will always be the Firstborn in the House of the Lord!

- **Witness of the Father’s Promise:** Finally,

when the focus of God's plan shifts from the *golden lampstand* of the Church back to the *budding tree* of Israel, as it finally becomes tender towards Jesus as its Mashiach, then Israel will see what has been the Lord God's plan all along—to honor his Firstborn Son, the Seed Raised up for David as the Son of God and the Son of David, Jesus Mashiach. Israel enters its inheritance *only* through its Firstborn Heir, the Son of Abraham and his Firstborn, the Son of David and his Firstborn, Jesus. Without the Firstborn, the entire House is deprived of its inheritance. But, when the Firstborn Son is exalted to receive his inheritance, so shall the House of Israel. Israel was misled to think that it was Self-Entitled to God's blessing in its own right, apart from its rightful Mashiach. But, as Adam and Eve falsely reasoned that they could *remain* in blessedness apart from the Lord God, so Israel has found that there is no blessing

nor inheritance apart from its Firstborn Son and Heir, Jesus Mashiah.

So, the Lord God's plan given to Daniel during the time of Exile will finally make sense:



As God revealed himself to Job to restore him after a season of testing, God plans to reveal Jesus Mashiah to Israel on the Day he rescues them from certain destruction. In this way, Israel will be

revived after “two days,” as Hosea had foretold (Hosea 6:2). During these days of testing and deprivation, Israel will *abandon* its fleshly errors:

- **Self-Entitlement:** Israel has no *rights* apart from its appointed Heir and Redeemer, Jesus Mashiach.
- **Self-Sufficiency:** Israel has no standing, no moral grounds (even with the Torah), except by *faith and humble submission* to the Lord God, for “faith” and “dependence” on the “Lord their God” is the basis of all the commands.
- **Self-Redemption/ Righteousness:** It is the Lord and his Firstborn’s right alone, as the Redeemer of Israel, to make redemption for his people. The people of Israel have no right nor ability of “self-redemption,” whether through sacrifice or Torah-observance or *halakah*—for, as Job realized, “Self-righteousness” apart from the Lord

God, based on a *fleshly morality*, is always fleshly unbelief and a “filthy rag” (Isaiah 64:6). For, only by the *atonement* for iniquity does Israel obtain an “everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9:24) in the Lord Mashiach, for he alone is Yahweh Tzedekenu, “The Lord our Righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:6).

Verse.

¹² And on the first day of **Unleavened Bread**, when they **sacrificed the Passover lamb**, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and **prepare** for you to eat the **Passover**?” Mark 14:12

Background:

In the same way that the first disciples were sent to “prepare” a place for the Lord to eat the Passover with his people, so you who *shepherd Israel* must prepare Israel for its *true Passover*—deliverance from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of God.

This preparation is needed, for many in Israel are unaware of their need for deliverance. For, even when the people of Israel were obviously captive and afflicted in Egypt, the people “did not listen to Moses because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery” (Exodus 6:9). In this way, Israel has remained comfortably in the world and *excluded from the Kingdom* which Jesus Mashiach established at his coming. Not only are their spirits “broken” in this world, they are “dead” due to Adam’s first and their own sin. They are not just “enslaved in body” but are “captive in spiritual

darkness and death” (Isaiah 9:2). So, when you go to Israel as *a shepherd* to prepare your people for the great *Passover* from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of God, consider these necessary steps which prepared the Israelites for deliverance from Egypt:

- **Primary Command:** Lord God alone redeems. The Israelites had an advantage in Egypt, in a sense. They faced an impossibly powerful enemy with obviously powerless human frailty, so it was obvious they needed deliverance. But, the people of Israel today have the *mistaken notion* that there is a possibility of Self-Redemption by attaining a Self-Righteousness through the Torah and by performing *mitzvot*—that is, obeying the commands or doing good works.

So, the people of Israel must be reminded of God’s first *word* to the people: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Exodus 20:2).

As befits *the act of redemption*, it is the Lord's exclusive right to *deliver* his people out of Egypt and to *redeem* them out of the house of slavery into his holy House and Kingdom! For him to be "Lord," Israel must only approach God by *faith*, with a humbled sense of dependence and need. Otherwise, Israel *usurps* the place of Lord and deliverer/ Redeemer, seeking its own Self-Rule as its own Lord. To reject God's right to *save* and *redeem* is simple rebellion and idolatry.

- **Prepares People:** So, Moses was sent to the people of Israel to first prepare them for the Passover because they were unready for the transition. Similarly, here are a few ways you may need to prepare Jews for the coming Mashiach:

- **Unbelieving** Remember that your people are unbelieving. Since they do not subject themselves completely to the authority of the Lord God or his appointed Mashiach, they put themselves in the place of Lordship, being Self-

Ruling and relying on their own Self-Understanding. But, *faith* comes from hearing the Word of God, so keep planting the Word in their hearts. On the Day of the Lord, God will judge Israel's brazen *Self-Rule*, for a Lord must be powerful enough to save. So, when Israel sees only its own destruction as the nations surround it, they very well may abandon this idol of Self-Rule.

- **Unconvinced:** Due to Israel's unbelief, Its people have likely rationalized and ignored the helplessness of their own condition. But, when the Law and the Prophets reveals the true spiritual reality which surrounds Israel, it uses hopeless imagery of being *dominated* by the Serpent (Genesis 3:15), *helpless* in a land of terrible "darkness" and in the "shadow of death" (Isaiah 9:2), and *oppressed* by powerful enemies (9:3-5). Because the people of Israsel do not see them as *enslaved*, they imagine themselves spiritual *free*

agents, operating in neutral space. So, Israel needs to see its condition as more dire and deadly than that of Egypt.

- **Unfit:** Our first parents lived face-to-face with the Lord God in Eden because they were alive both in body but also in Spirit, having been given the *breath of God* to make their souls come alive as *hai nefesh*—(Genesis 2:7). However, when they sinned, this spiritual life died as the Lord God had promised (Genesis 2:17), leaving them in *defiled flesh*, which was incompatible with God's holy presence (Genesis 3:10). Nothing since the Fall until now has changed the *condition* of the House of Israel as people of *defiled flesh*—not the receiving of the Law (Exodus 20:18-19), nor the Temple system of worship (Isaiah 6:5), nor even Israel's return from exile to its homeland as a nation (Ezekiel 37:11-13). Thus, while still enslaved to this *dark world* by its *defiling flesh*, Israel, like their ancestors in Egypt, are not free to

worship or obey God until they are redeemed (Exodus 7:16). As the Lord God says to Pharaoh: “Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness” (Exodus 7:36). The Lord is not the God of slaves but of sons. While your people are still in their *dead flesh*, they are “slaves to sin” as Jesus says: “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:34-36).

- **Passover Redemption:** Once your people realize their felt need for redemption, then they will understand that the Lamb of God, who was crucified as the Son of God and the Son of Man, is the only one to atone for their sins. Only through the Redemption of Jesus Mashiach will Israel be reborn by the Lord’s Spirit to serve him: “¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.

Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.” (Ezekiel 37:14).

Focus:

6.2.B Preparing for Passover: Life-giving

Lamb: lays down life for family. Mark 14:12-16, 22-25

1. **Prepare for Passover:** Generational Shepherds prepares people to live in the Redeemed Kingdom Family. 14:12-16.
2. **Sacrificed Body and Blood:** Gathering around Table to Remember. 14:22-24.

3. **Kingdom Hope:** Awaiting sharing cup together.

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Further Discovery:

